

Plan First Family Planning 1115 Waiver Renewal Public Notice

On or before 06/30/2014, the Department of Public Health and Human Services will submit the Section 1115 Plan First Family Planning Waiver Renewal for approval to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services the proposed effective date is 1/1/15. The waiver is effective for 3 years. The current waiver includes about 3,000 women, aged 19-44, able to bear children and not presently pregnant, and not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare. The waiver renewal continues to decrease the number of births paid by Medicaid and improve health outcomes for participants. The waiver renewal makes the following changes: increases the household income limit from 200% to 211% of the federal poverty level (effective 1/1/14 required by the Affordable Care Act): allow payments for applicants who have health coverage other than Medicaid or Medicare, for covered services not fully paid by the other health coverage. Plan First does not pay co-pays or deductibles required by the member's other health coverage. Waiver Services are limited to family planning services, including family planning office visits, contraceptive supplies, sterilization, laboratory services, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, and delivery of vaccines to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. Contact Elizabeth LeLacheur, Program Officer, at (406) 444-6002, elacheur@mt.gov, or PO Box 202951, Helena MT 59620 with questions, comments, or to review the changes. The estimated total annual federal fiscal benefit impact is \$2,107,700. The current waiver, waiver benefit description, eligibility and program description, cost sharing requirements, waiver evaluation design with goals/objectives, healthcare delivery system, amended application, public notice details, and DPHHS report to the 2013 Legislature with waiver history information are located on the Department website at <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/planfirst>. Two public meetings will be held regarding the amendment: 1) April 9, 2014, 11:00-11:45 AM by Webex <https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/k2/j.php?MTID=t165c4e5d462ae8ad6802291120c73882>. Phone call-in information follows: 1-877-668-4490. Access Code: 576 104 181. Meeting will be held at Riverstone Community Health Center, Bighorn Room, 123 S. 27th St, Billings, Montana; and 2) April 14, 2014, 2:00-3:00 PM by Webex <https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/k2/j.php?MTID=tfe55942fc284690fc7ada492eb33173f>. Phone call-in information follows: 1-877-668-4490. Access Code: 576 264 291. Meeting will be held at the Cogswell Building, Room C205, 1400 Broadway, Helena, Montana.